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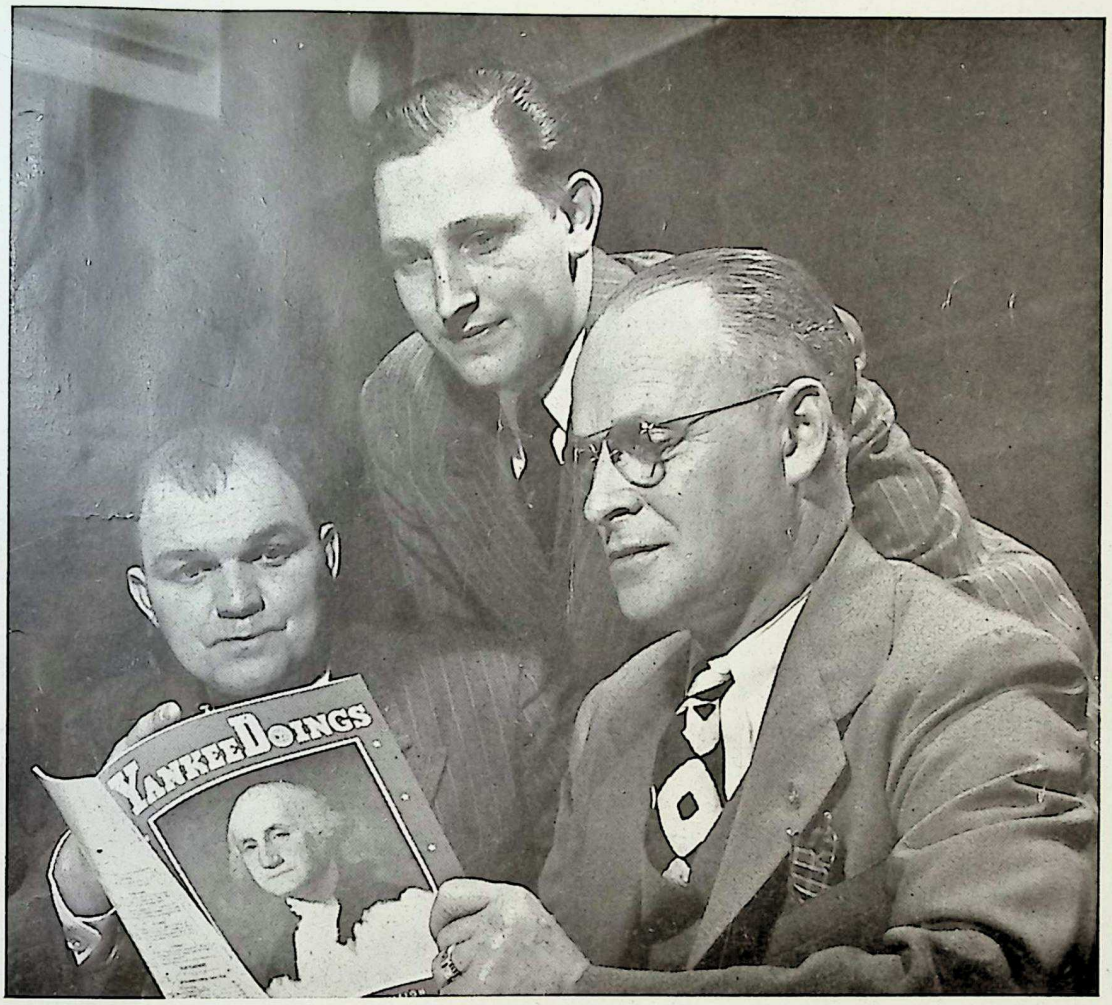

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EDITORIAL

Operation "Taps"

World War II, acquired a terminology of its own. That is, it made up words and expressions that are hard, even for us veterans of the first war to understand.

There is, however, one expression that we all readily understand, that expression heads this brief editorial.

Operation Taps, means the sad work of returning to our shores the bodies of our battle dead of World War II.

The living, with few exceptions, have been returned to their native shores. Many of them are still in hospitals; many of them will never be able to return to their homes to take up their abodes there. They must, from time to time, return to hospital wards for further treatment. To them we owe a debt of gratitude that can never be fully paid.

During the coming months the need for veteran organizations to form guards of honor has and should have number one priority. These guards will aid in the recommittal services of the bodies of the young and gallant lads who, by the fortunes of war, were called upon to give up their lives.

It is the obligation of every YD Chapter to furnish such guards of honor for the young men of their communities who will shortly be returned. It is the duty of every YD man to serve on these guards of honor. Therefore, Chapter Commanders should take every precaution to see to it that his Chapter does not fail in this sacred duty.

NATIONAL COMMANDER'S REPORT

The report of this month is directed to all the Chapter Commanders of the YD throughout the Nation.

At the last National Executive meeting held in Worcester, I appointed Past Commander Larry Cook to the chairmanship of the publishing committee.

We are facing a drastic situation in regard to the publishing of "Yankee Doings", the official magazine of our association, and it is imperative that prompt action be taken by each and every individual YD man to offset any curtailment in the one organ that holds us together as a national body.

In a few days each chapter commander will receive from PC Cook a personal letter explaining the situation and I am sure that the driving spirit of the YD will once more come to the front and we will reach our objective as we did in both World Wars.

You must realize that the price of everything is going sky high and that includes the material that goes into the making of "Doings". The members of the publishing committee feel sure that if the request contained in the letter you will receive from Larry is complied with, our problem will in part be solved, and "Doings" will be bigger and better than ever. May I as your present National Commander ask as a special favor the help of each and every comrade in this endeavor. By helping your National Association you will be helping yourselves.

In the next few months I am going to make a special effort to visit as many chapters as possible and I would like to have a favorable report to make of each chapter in regard to the above mentioned subject. Membership, which is in slow gear, needs a transfusion. Let's give it the works.

In company with National Secretary Guy Watts, a flying visit was made to Lewiston, Me., for the annual dinner and I was very impressed by the turnout of YD men the evening of Oct. 2.

Past Commander John Dunlap from the neighboring state of New Hampshire was present and as usual was the life of the party. May I at this time extend my thanks to Norm Thomas for his kind thought in sending me the newspaper clipping of the affair. My sincere congratulations to Young Commander Woodward (World War II) for his real YD spirit at the meeting.

National Sgt.-at-Arms Earl P. Holbrook and I attended the Massachusetts State Department meeting held in Haverhill Sunday Oct. 5 and although there was a rumor around that a pyrotechnic display was in the making it turned out to be a dud and the meeting was peaceful and very well conducted by State Commander Meteyer. John Sullivan, State Commander of the Massachusetts American Legion was present and brought greetings from his organization.

Both Earl and I wish to thank Clyde Norton and his associates for the splendid dinner given us before the meeting at the Thatched Roof. Our thanks, too, to the Ladies Auxiliary of Haverhill for the splendid buffet served in the evening.

Saturday evening of Oct. 18 found us at PC Cook's testimonial dinner in Providence. It was a beautiful tribute to a swell fellow for a year of hard and faithful work for the YD. There were comrades present from all the New England states, from Philadelphia, Washington, Cleveland and a letter was read from "Cohen" of Chicago. (And by the way, "Cohen", I'm strong for that convention in the Windy City.)

The toastmaster for Larry's party was that favorite Past Commander, Al Herman, and as usual Al did a great job of making everyone feel at home. Saturday, Nov. 8, I will be in the city of Brotherly Love with the Philadelphia Chapter, so comrades you see by this report that I am striving to follow PC Cook's example as far as I am physically able. He sure set a pace for the rest of us to follow, but I will do my level best during the remaining months of my term of office.

Fred A. Jones.

BATTLE HONORS

As authorized by Ex.O.9396 (Sec. 1, WD Bul. 22, 1943) superseding Ex.O. 9075 (Sec. 111, WD Bul. 11, 1942), the following units are cited by the War Department under provisions of AR 260-15 in the name of the President of the United States as public evidence of deserved honor and distinction. The citation reads as follows:

The 2nd Bn., 328th Infantry Regiment; Company C (less one platoon), 735th Tank Bn; one section, Company A 101st Eng. Combat Bn.; one section Battery C, 390th AA (AW) Bn.; and one platoon, Company A, 818th T.D. Bn., (SP), all comprising TASK FORCE HAMILTON of the 26th Infantry Division, are cited for outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy on 23, 24, and 25, December, 1944, in Luxembourg.

(GO 109, WD Washington, D.C.; Sec. 5, The 3rd Bn., 101st Infantry Regiment, 26th Infantry Division, is cited for outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy on 18, 19, 20 and 21 November 1944 in Lorraine, France.

OUR FLAG

"Softly draped, with folds unstirred by even so much as breath of summer breeze. OLD GLORY, OUR FLAG, — the flag of destiny, rests, waiting! It symbolizes the soul of America, standing in silent prayer before the Father of Light, receiving His strength and wisdom, asking His guidance and protection through another perilous journey. It is the morning prayer of the American people, the prayer that arms them to the problems of the day with courage and cheer. Before it, America stands in reverence, realizing her sacred duty to mankind and before her glorious destiny."

ARMISTICE DAY 1947

By JOHN H. SMITH

On November 11, 1918, at the mystical hour of eleven o'clock—the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, the thunder of artillery and the crashing of bombs ceased; the rattle of small arms died away. Men raised their mud-encrusted, helmeted heads from their foxholes or shell pits, and peered around, unbelieving, at first, that the agony was over at last. Gradually they arose from the slime of the fighting line, unafraid, for the first time during the long months, to stand erect as man is meant to stand.

The First-Aid Men continued to go about their task of rescuing pitiful bundles of torn flesh, with the same degree of indifference to it all, as marked their Christ-like service when the flaming guns continued to mount their murderous toll.

If it had been Spring, I doubt if the lark, in the meadow, now destroyed, would have risen with a song in its throat. Rather, it would have been as mute as were the young men who had been a part of that hell for all those past months.

During the first minutes of supernatural silence . . . a silence that was as impressive as the silence of the grave, the young men of all the world stood transfixed. They looked at one another, then slowly, as they began to understand what had happened, they tried to smile. That is, their lips formed into smiles, but in their eyes there remained that haunted look that only time itself could eradicate. Those near to each other reached out friendly hands . . . muddy hand touched muddy hand in a clasp of comradeship that said: "We have stood here together, during the greatest of trials, let us stand together forever in peace."

The long years have passed. We have stood together in the ranks of a common comradeship. The pleasures we have experienced during those years of close association are very dear memories to us all. There has always been a feeling that none of us has ever been really alone. Many of us married, raised families in a peace-loving America, enjoyed our reunions, went on picnics with our children and friends; went into business with one another, all of us went to our churches, to praise the Lord, our God, for His many blessings, the fruits of a hard won peace.

Yes, the years have been good, but sad in some instances, when one of our old comrades fell by the way, and took up the long march into eternity. May the blessings of God be theirs.

Our sons and daughters grew up into young manhood and womanhood. Some received the benefits of a college training, but all did receive the blessings of an American training in public schools and in their homes. They grew into adult American citizens, fiercely proud of their heritage.

While we went about the duties of citizenship in our American communities, we paid little heed to what was taking place in distant lands. In those lands the people made a terrible and deadly mistake, they allowed their freedom to be taken from them. And we made a mistake, also. We made the mistake of believing that all men believed as we did, that all men trusted each other and sincerely desired to live in peace.

While we were raising families, they were raising soldiers. While we manufactured implements of peaceful industry, they manufactured arms and ammunition, planes and warships. Treaties became articles of convenience by which time could be gained to promulgate their program of destruction.

To us veterans here in America, who had stood so valiantly by the sides of young men of other nations, it was unthinkable that there were men on this earth who would—could, think again of undertaking to send men and women down that awful road of wars desolation.

Then on the 3rd of September, 1939, it came to pass that civilization faced, again within twenty-one

years, complete destruction. Here in America, that day, we filled our churches, seeking through prayer, the aid of the Almighty, to halt this, the greatest of all catastrophes.

Gentlemen, our mistake of believing that all men wanted peace was not to be bought off with prayers at the last moment. It was not quite so simple as all that. For allowing ungodly men to replace the teachings of the Prince of Peace, with the ignorant belief in mythical gods, for failing in our christian duties to demand that the enslavement of innocent people be stopped, for being too concerned with our petty selfishness, petty gains, and the love of luxury, to be bothered with the rise of Hitler, Mussolini and the little beasts of Japan, we have had to pay. Pay with the lives of our sons, in all the climes on the earth. Yes, for failing to CARRY-ON in our demand that the peace be preserved as agreed to, failing to demand, without equivocation, a strong united front against the storm of hate and greed rising like a monstrous hurricane over all the earth, we paid with the lives of our sons, and the tears of their mothers.

Our sons left their homes to fight with the same simple faith in their God as we had twenty-one years before. They believed as we did, that all men are equal in the sight of God, that this would be the last time that men would allow his kind to perish by the fire of war, and the sword of battle.

The bullies, who visited this earth with the second greatest war in the history of human kind, are gone. Their evil plans destroyed with them. Yes, they are all dead, and their ignorance and intolerance died with them.

So, we come to this the eleventh month of the year of our Lord, 1947. Again we are faced with a repetition of that age old story of the old world. A story of HATE, AVARICIOUSNESS, AND THE UNGODLY CONDUCT OF THE BEASTS WHO WALK LIKE MEN.

Did I say that all of the bullies had died? There is a mistake in that sentence. I should have said, all but one. The wickedest of all has been left to carry-on his crusade of blind, unreasoning ignorance. He threatens the world, he seeks to crush the last best hope on earth; he refuses to recognize that the way of the Godly is the surest way to continuous and happy peace for all men. He will not be stayed, in his ugly plan to subjugate us all, by words of reasonable understanding, and common sense. He kills truth without mercy. All men, to him, are as beasts of the field, life without souls. There is nothing that is sacred to him and his kind.

This time there can be no excuse, on our part, if we allow such a menace to continue to threaten our way of life. We have been amply warned. We have the God-given weapon with which to protect our faith. We MUST protect that faith.

THERE IS NO OTHER ALTERNATIVE.

Appreciation

My dear Mr. Crescenzo:

This letter should have been written long before this and I am ashamed for neglecting to do so. You have been so kind in trying to locate some of the boys who knew John and who could give me information about him that I shall never forget your kindness.

I know now how my dear son met his death and what happened between the time he wrote his last letter to me and his death. One ray of gladness to all this sorrow was that John received a big back-log of mail after he returned to his company and was so busy reading it that he didn't get a chance to write before his death. My gratitude goes out to all the boys who have written to me and given me news of John. One of the boys who was with John all thru his Army career came from Milwaukee to visit me.

Perhaps you would like to know that John's widow married my other son. Rather a strange coincidence, but we are all happy about it, as we like Marion very much and are happy to know she will stay in the family.

There is one more thing I would like to ask you. Can you tell me whether or not the "History of the 26th Division" has been published? I would like to have one of the copies when it is published.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Mrs. Rames,
489 Park Ave., East Orange, N. J.

Service With a Smile

Your National Service Officer and his co-workers are looking for business and will be delighted to take up the personal problems of any YD member through his local Chapter Service Officer. We invite both you and them to let us know about any matter in which we can help.

No problem is too small to warrant attention—no problem is too large to tackle.

Joseph K. Surls, M. D.
National Service Officer,
130 East End Ave.,
New York 28, N. Y.

National Commander Fred A. Jones, with National Secretary H. Guy Watts, National Sergeant-at-Arms, Earl P. Holbrook, State Department Commander Ernest A. Meteyer, Commander John J. Sullivan of the Massachusetts State Dept. The American Legion.

EARLY HI-LIGHTS

29th NATIONAL CONVENTION, YDVA, PROVIDENCE, R. I.

Hi, gang! Remember 1938? Didn't you have a slam bang, rip-snortin' time in Providence? Well, watch us again in 1948. The Providence YD National Convention, Inc. committee has already been formed and is functioning. Your convention officers are many of the same old bunch of level-headed, business like work horses, and with their collective years of experience you are assured of another swell time. Here they are: Hon. Chairmen, Major Gen. Harold R. Barker and Col. Dwight T. Colley; Gen. Chairman and Corp. Pres., PNC Lawrence H. Cook; Vice Chairman and Corp. V. Pres., Commander Walter B. Vickery; Executive Secretary, PDC Howard W. Hunt; Ass't. Secretary, William McAllister; Treasurer, John S. Mitchell.

Just what will be in store for those who attend the convention, the committee cannot say at this time, but you can take my word for it that we are hard at work laying plans for a bang-up four day program of enjoyment.

Just so that everyone will be able to begin making their plans early to attend Providence in '48 the OFFICIAL dates for the convention have been set at JUNE 24, 25, 26, 27, 1948. Headquarters will be at the Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel. This time we will be unable to set up an office at the hotel until quite close to convention time. For the time being, all convention business sessions are being held at Larry Cook's office in East Providence. All correspondence regarding information concerning the convention should be addressed to the Prov. YD National Conv., Inc., Attention: Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 1611, Providence 1, R. I.

Convention Committee Chairmen have been selected and their names will be released in the December issue of "Doings".

Registration fees have already been set. To encourage early registration and give your committee some idea of attendance the fees will be as follows:—

(Up to and including May 1, 1948) Women $2.00; Men $3.00; *(From May 2, 1948 thru Convention.)* Women $2.00; Men $4.00. Note please that this year there will be *NO* advance in registration fees for the women after May 1st. We are going to give the gals a break—bless their powder and paint. Before long blanks will be available. More about registration in the next issue.

The Souvenir Program committee is already in high gear and by the time you read this a contract will be signed to produce it. The Program book promises to be a grand affair with several innovations not seen before in a YD souvenir program book. More dope next month.

Make no mistake. Providence is one of the greatest convention cities in the East. So save your pennies and attend Providence in 1948. All aboard! Get on the Wagon and head for Providence in '48. Be seeing you.

Howard W. Hunt,
Exec. Secretary.

FROM AN HISTORIAN'S VIEWPOINT

"The Yankee Division" that's what they called the first fighting division of American troops to be completely mobilized, sail to France and enter the front line trenches in World War I.

Frank P. Sibley, a newspaperman of the Boston Globe and who several months before covered the national guard troops on the Mexican Border. Frank knew his men from private to General, from the 8th, 9th and the rest of the boy's from Massachusetts.

It was Frank who made the suggestion that this new division be called the "Yankee Division" and General Clarence R. Edwards, who at the time was commanding general of the First Corp area and later to become the division's leader, agreed and asked the War Department for this request and it was granted.

The division was composed from the national guard of the New England states, and it broke many of the old outfits apart to make up the new regiments. Many of these outfits were the oldest volunteers in this country. Ages ran from 15 to near 70 and they came from all walks of life.

As an association formed early after its demobilization in April 1919, few took the interest in its formation but many made contributions that made it possible to purchase the home which still is in the heart of Boston and maintained entirely by funds of the Boston YD Club, where a portion is used for the headquarters of the association.

The first 10 YD conventions were held in the City of Boston, and although many former YD men attended, few were members of the association. Every attempt was made to increase membership but a few of them were only able to keep the Boston Club with a few other scattered members and very few outside chapters.

After its first ten years, it was thought better if annual conventions were held in other New England cities. Providence, Portland, Concord, N. H. and Montpelier, Vt. were among the first outside cities to bid and proved successful.

By 1934, a former Infantry Captain named Len Maloney, of New Haven chanced to try to broaden the association and together with a fine committee secured the convention for New Haven, Conn. in June 1935. Len lit the spark and away went the organizing of YD chapters throughout New England as well as many members at large throughout the country.

His year of leadership went by swiftly, but right behind him came the work-horse, and he put the fear right into you—that was Al Herman. Al still has the spirit and enthusiasm and always finds time to attend events in YD.

Those that followed Len Maloney and Al Herman had to live up to the example set, and they did, every one. Many of you may recall Ray Doucette, Ed Miller, Jerry O'Leary, Austin Appleby, Elliott Carter, Ben Bourn, Bill Forsyth, John Dunlap, Dennes Brunton and Larry Cook.

In mentioning these later names, those who preceded Len Maloney did their jobs well and are to be congratulated in keeping YD alive.

We have another object to double and triple our present membership. This work is not for the national commander alone but should be for each chapter to work out plans immediately—not for a year but as long as it is possible. Every present member of the YD association should be proud enough of his membership to obtain another and just as many as he can.

While our association has a large potential membership to draw from, we should begin immediately to reach a mark of 15,000 and to continue until we reach the 25,000 mark.

Only after we attain these marks can YD have the better magazine it seeks and national recognition by General Paul, Commander Jones and members of his committee.

The YD should spread throughout the South, middle West and Far West. We should give every consideration to the requests for the national convention to be held outside the New England states. There are plenty of good YD chapters in Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, St. Louis, Philadelphia and Milwaukee.

Membership is a problem with every organization and the present method of our fiscal year beginning in April with the national conventions held in June is a confusion. In my opinion let it be July 1st after the new national commander takes office. From that point on its his party. When such a change is made an assessment for the quarter should be made to correspond with national.

From April 1st to July 1st, the chances are better to obtain the largest membership than the present system of trying throughout the summer months to get caught up.

Assuming the office of historian I was charged with the obligation of keeping a true record of the activities of the association. I have, in times past, pleaded for chapters to send me information regarding officers, meetings, events, programs and other literature that I might be able to compile for future reference with regard to the YD association.

Since 1939 when our past national commander Larry Cook went out of office as national historian he turned over to me a collection of material that he had compiled that year and outside of the annual conventions there has been very few items sent to me.

While it has been impossible for me to travel to all events because, I must as nearly as I can, put my time in employment and keep the home fires burning, I have managed to visit several events outside of New England including Chicago, Cleveland and New York and you will find large membership, with comradeship and hospitality.

During the past few months I attended the national Legion convention in New York and the YD chapter put on a grand affair; both at the headquarters in the Lexington Hotel and the party at the Regimental Armory of the 165th Infantry; the outing at Wallingford sponsored by the Feegal-Tyler Chapter of Meriden; installation of national officers, national executive committee meeting and the dinner to our new commander Fred A. Jones; the first showing of moving pictures at Springfield on the 1947 YD convention. To Dennis J. Brunton, our past national commander and chairman of the convention and his associates I extend my congratulations to a fine convention and an hour and a half of fine pictures and a few minutes left at the YD Club.

In less than 24 hours I will head toward Providence to pay tribute and honor to a fine past commander, Larry Cook. Larry has perhaps passed all commanders in distance covered. There is no doubt that Larry has seen them all and his YD work has not yet closed for the Providence Chapter named him chairman of the 1948 convention. and soon again, he will travel a good deal with Fred Jones.

Larry had a good pal and YD go-getter in his Sergeant-at-Arms, Michael Crescenzo. Mike had the looks and had them falling in the aisles and Guy Watts always went along with Larry when he could.

It all sums up to good team work, whether it be chapter, department or national.

My copy of "Yankee Doings" reached me yesterday and I noticed that there will be some events around Armistice Day, so I am going to try to make some of them, now that I read them in advance.

John J. Goss,
National Historian.

Thanks

Gentlemen:

Mrs. Pell and I wish to thank you for your notice requesting information regarding the death of our son, Lt. Robert W. Pell, Co. F, 328th Infantry. We have had two letters from members of your Association, copies of which are enclosed.

Needless to say, these letters have been very welcome to us as they have enabled us to visualize to some degree our sons last action. If there is anything we can do in the future to assist the Divisional Association in the work of keeping in touch with the men of the 328th, you may count on us to do it.

Your truly,
Harold W. Pell.

Editor's Note: The two comrades referred to are: Edward B. Akin, c/o Akin Cafe, Blackhawk Bus Depot, Mason City, Ill. and Tom Sheerin, 509 North Broadway, St. Louis 2, Mo.

YD Post 290, A. L.

The Yankee Division Post No. 290, The American Legion, located at the Boston Club, are planning a streneous program for the next several months. The new suite of officers installed in office at a party held in the Copley Square Hotel, Boston, are mostly veterans of W W II. Jeremiah Doherty is the newly installed Sr. V. C., John R. Kennedy is the newly installed J. V. C. and is chairman of the entertainment committee. Eddie Malone, the younger, is the new Adjutant. He replaces Arthur Mitz who served as adjutant for the past two or three years. Arthur had asked for a relief owing to personal reasons.

The first big event of the Post was the turnout, that included all veteran organizations, on Sunday, October 19th, to honor the memory of the dead that are in process of being returned to their homes.

The regular meetings of the Post will, from now on be featured by entertainment as well as the refreshments that are served.

On November 11th, the Post will take part in the regular Suffolk County celebration of Armistice Day which includes a street parade during the afternoon. After the parade the Post members and their friends are to return to 200 Huntington Ave., and partake of refreshments.

The Annual Turkey Drawing will be held Monday evening, November 24th at the Post quarters. There is to be a fine selection of birds plus other gifts. Refreshments and entertainment will complete the evening. So all members and their friends are requested to be present to enjoy a long evening and a merry one.

Commander Jim Best wishes to announce that the Post has secured ten (10) '03 Springfield Rifles to be used for a firing squad and for a color guard detail. Candidates are asked to signify their desire to serve on this detail.

The Post is planning to hold its third annual New Year's Eve party at 200 Huntington Avenue on December 31, starting at 9:00 P. M. and continuing until the wee hours of the 1st of Jan., 1948.

Ed Malone, *Adj.*

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LEWISTON
"Androscoggin Valley Chapter"
Commander: Richard H. Woodbury
249 Main St., Lewiston, Maine
Secretary: Norman S. Thomas
150 Sabbatus St., Lewiston, Me.

At the Annual Androscoggin Valley Chapter dinner and dance, held at the Silver Slipper, National Commander Fred Jones of Worcester, Mass., National Secretary H. Guy Watts of Boston, P.N.C. John Dunlap of Manchester, N. H., Frank Jock, Commander Dept. of Maine, were guests of the local Chapter commanded by Richard Woodbury.

Commander Jones gave a fine talk on the meaning of Yankee Division, and the comradeship of the men within its ranks. He said that the men of the second World War were just as full of fun, and as interested in the affairs of association as were the older men. Commander Jones pointed out the fact that anyone could join a fraternal order but only the special few are admitted to the ranks of our association.

The dinner was followed by a fine floor show and dancing. —Norman Thomas.

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Manchester Chapter has had a busy month. Our regular meeting was held Wednesday, October 8th, and was well attended. There were only three ten cent fines levied, for not wearing a beret.

Our guest speaker was Howard Northridge, N. H. State Boxing Commissioner. He gave a fine talk on management of boxing and wrestling in the Granite State. He told of several interesting and amusing incidents.

Shirley Luscombe had the lunch committee working and they served a generous lunch topped off with ice cream.

The Annual YD Ball of the Manchester Chapter was held Friday night, October 17th, and was a huge success. Everyone of the one hundred members salute "Gene" Dugas and his committee for the splendid work they did to put this affair over. We are all looking forward to another Ball next year.

Saturday evening, October 18th, six of our members went to Providence, R. I., to attend the testimonial dinner to PNC Larry Cook. They were Comrades Dunlap, Dugas, Calby, Simoneau, Commander Byam and Les Horton. We had a real good time.

Our next regular meeting will be held Wednesday evening, Dec. 10th. We have a fine program arranged and hope to see every man there. A notice will be sent out in plenty of time to give you additional warning. So no excuse, unless you are sick.

—Les Horton.

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Dep't. Commander: Ernest A. Meteyer, 36 Old Groveland Rd., Bradford, Mass.
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STATE MEETING

The October meeting was opened by Commander Meteyer in the Haverhill Dug-out at 3.30 P. M. on Sunday, October 5, 1947. Eleven Chapters represented. It was voted to dispense with the regular order of business until after the installation of the Senior Vice Commander and Treasurer and our guests had spoken.

Sgt-at-Arms Pluff being absent due to injury, Commander Meteyer appointed Caswell Sgt-at-Arms for the meeting. Caswell then escorted National Commander Fred Jones and John J. Sullivan, Commander Department of Massachusetts, American Legion to the Commander's Station and other guests including the ladies into the hall.

Commander Jones, assisted by National Sgt-at-Arms Earl Holbrook, proceeded to install John Meffen of Springfield and Clyde Elliot of Worcester as Senior Vice Commander and Treasurer, respectively.

Commander Meteyer then called on Commanders Jones and Sullivan for remarks. Jones told of his trips and spoke of loyalty and Sullivan spoke on the return of the dead of World War II. Commander Rusell Balch of the Georgetown Legion and D. J. Mahoney, Sgt-at-Arms Holbrook and Carrie Rowell, President of the Haverhill Auxiliary were introduced and took a bow.

The guests were then escorted from the Hall except the ones who were members.

Letters were read from Danvers and New Bedford Chapters and all Chapters reported progress. Due to the fact that there was a parade in Worcester the attendance from that Chapter was smaller than usual.

National Secretary H. Guy Watts explained in some detail the status of the Memorial Club House. The property is controlled by a self perpetuating non-veteran board of trustees consisting of Allan Forbes, John C. Kiley and Samuel Hoar. The custodian is designated as the Boston Chapter, incorporated as the YD Club of Boston. He stated that due to the fact that the running expenses ran to between $15,000 and $20,000 the Boston Club would be only too glad to have the YDVA take over. If they wished to do that to appoint a committee and meet the trustess. Stated that most of the equipment belonged to Boston. After hearing several speakers sentiment in favor of no change. Adjourned 6:00 P. M.

December Boston, and January Worcester. The Haverhill Auxiliary served a fine supper.

—Clyde H. Norton.

BEVERLY

Commander: Roland Standley
457 Cabot St., Beverly, Mass.
Secretary: Daniel Haskell
406 Cabot St., Beverly, Mass.

The October meeting of the Beverly Chapter was held in the Legion Home on Wednesday evening, Oct. 8th with Cmdr. Roland T. Standley presiding. Before the meeting was convened, the members and their guests were privileged to listen to a talk given by Al Zack of the Sylvania Electric Corp. of Danvers pertaining to artificial illumination, with many crude articles showing the earliest forms of the use of light. The talk covered from about 500 B.C. which is the earliest date that research can establish as to when light was used for the purpose of aiding peoples to see in the dark hours of the day. The talk progressed through the torch, candle, whale-oil, kerosene lamps of various designs, Norman, gas and Welsbach burners, electric bulbs of many methods of manufacture, to fluorescent lamps of graduating importance of the present time. Black light was especially interesting as it produced many beautiful and varying colors when different minerals, powders, glass and fibrous materials were brought in the vicinity. Cloths made with the aid of coloring were also made to appear very colorful and with interesting designs when in close proximity with this lamp. Many questions were asked the speaker regarding the whole talk and were answered masterfully.

The meeting was called to order at this point by the Commander at 9:30 P. M., and according to the ritual with the salute to the colors, followed by prayer by Chaplain Tozer and the reading of the minutes of the September meeting which were approved. Very little business was at hand, consequently a short session. Beret fines benefited the treasury in the amount of $1.10. Membership now is 48 paid to date. The Chapter will have a supper at 7 P. M. the next meeting on Wed., Nov. 5th, and being catered by a committee from "Earle T. Wardell" Post No. 12, Auxiliary Unit, and a goodly percentage of the membership is expected.

Comrade T5 Donald Lunn, who is stationed at the Army Security School, Vent Hill Farms, Warrenton, Virginia, who is home on furlough was in attendance, and we were all very much pleased to have him with us. He soon expects to be transferred to Officers Candidate School in Kansas. The best of luck to Don on

this move. With no more business on hand the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 P. M. in the prescribed manner.

—Daniel L. Haskell.

BOSTON

Commander: Walter E. Burke
26 Standard St., Mattapan, Mass.
Secretary: H. Guy Watts
200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

The Boston Chapter's Board of Governors met on Monday evening, October 6th. There have been several proposals submitted by members for consideration, the purpose of which is to raise much needed additional revenue for the Boston Club. Commander Walter Burke reports that each proposal was given consideration and steps are to be taken to assure the members of the Club that everything will be done to carry out any thought that might be submitted toward the end that the Club may benefit financially.

Albert C. McWade, a member of the board and a vice commander of the Boston Club, is chairman of the annual military ball committee. He will call a meeting shortly, of all members of the general committee to assign them their particular duties in connection with the ball.

The smoker, held on the third Thursday of the nonth, was a little different than we have been enoying. From now on these smokers will continue to get better, with a different type of entertainment each month.

BOSTON BRIEFS

Commander Walter Burke of the Boston Club announces that from now on no more movies at the smokers. Hereafter we will enjoy good acts and singing teams. The last one was only a sample as a beginner. Pass the word along that the smokers are to be enlivened by singers, dancers, speakers of note.

The Annual YD Ball of the Club is now in process of formation and development, thanks to the efforts of Al McWade. Al, by the way, is the one member of the Board of Governors who is trying to do something about the bar and cocktail lounge.

Eddie Ferguson of C Battery 101st F. A., and his pal Ernie Anderson are preparing to leave for Florida. Eddie says, Heck it's better up here just now.

Joe Lyons, who hasn't been around these parts for many a day dropped in the night of the last smoker and paid up his dues. Feeling aces, he says.

The 'nights' of the round table had their first conference of the Fall season, one night last week. Those who are interested in attending these very fine conferences might drop in some evening.

From now on the Boston Chapter will have its own 'firing squad' for funerals and such. The YD Post has secured ten '03 Springfields from the army for that purpose.

The YD Club and the YD Post participated in the Memorial Services held at the Boston Arena, Sunday, October 19th, in memory of the lads who are coming home, late.

THE YD AUXILIARY OF BOSTON

The October meeting of the YD Auxiliary took place on Wednesday evening, October 8th at the YD Club of Boston.

Our table at the Kearsarge Associates Fair on October 4, under the Chairmanship of Agnes Lacasse was very successful financially. The electric iron donated by President Fenno was won by Mary McKenna of the All Dorchester Post Auxiliary, and a hand crocheted scarf made and donated by Nonie Nugent was won by Ruth Nugent.

We welcomed four new members to our ranks, namely Mary Mahoney, a Gold Star sister, Catherine Bowler, Mae Wiltshire and Elizabeth Cifelo, and we hope they will attend all our meetings and be active members.

We have received news that one of our Gold Star mothers passed away during the summer and we are saddened by this news.

President Fenno also reported that Amelia Pinterits, Mrs. Frances Hosea and Mrs. Annie Faulkner are on the sick list and we sincerely hope that they will all soon be well again.

Mrs. Katherine Reimer reported that big doings are expected for her Penny Sale to be held at the Ritz Plaza Rose Room on the evening of November 1, 1947.

President Fenno asks all members to get behind this activity to make it an outstanding success. Lillian Kellen—Publicity.

FITCHBURG

Commander: William R. Stapley
100 Warren St., Fitchburg, Mass.
Secretary: James Meffen Sr.
411 North St., Fitchburg, Mass.

Thirty-two members dragged their tired old carcasses out to our October meeting. Maybe the rest of the gang haven't got over the load of clams and lobster they tucked away at the September meeting. Had a letter from Gete Shea who is at Rutland Hgts. Hospital and doing fine. He may be back home by

the time you read this. Franis Dupre, who was in the hospital showed up at the meeting but has to go back again for more treatment. He's looking good nevertheless. Joel Parmenter of Framingham, State Dept. Commander of the Order of the Purple Heart, and his sergeant-at-arms, Harry Satoris, also of Framingham, were our guest at this meeting and signed up several men for a chapter to be formed in Fitchburg.

When you read this Freedom Train will have paid a visit to Fitchburg and our chapter will have had the usual good showing of men as well as a float in the Freedom Parade Oct. 26th. And after the parade refreshments. There's nothing like refreshments after a parade. And does it help get the boys out. Yes sir, it sure does. November 11th falls on the second Tuesday so we voted to hold the meeting the third Tuesday, which will be the 18th. Nomination of officers takes place at this meeting and every member should be present.

—Jim Meffen.

HAVERHILL

Commander: Harry P. Pluff
94 Emerson St., Haverhill, Mass.
Secretary: Clyde H. Norton
27 Kingsbury Ave., Bradford, Mass.

On September 21, 1947 the Haverhill Auxiliary chartered a bus and together with some Chapter members journeyed to Worcester to attend the Clambake of the Worcester Chapter. The secretary noted Commander Pluff and wife, Dept. Commander Meteyer and wife and Past Chapter Commander Tarelton and wife. Nice party. Where were the other Chapter members? Same place they are on meeting nights!!!

On October 5, 1947 the Chapter entertained the Department of Massachusetts at its October meeting. Previous to the meeting a group met for dinner at the Thatched Roof in North Andover. We were joined by John J. Sullivan, Dept. Commander of Mass., A. L. and a member of the Concord Chapter, National Commander Fred Jones, National Sgt-at-Arms Earl Holbrook, Past Dept. Commander Watton, Comrades Roy and Hart of the Lawrence Chapter as well as Commander Balch of the Georgetown Legion and D. J. Mahoney of Bradford. Watton was late but in due time we arrived at the Dug-Out where the meeting was held. For particulars see Dept. notes.

After the meeting the Haverhill Auxiliary served a very fine supper under the able Chairmanship of Ann Pluff. Thanks a lot for honoring our Dept. Commander and Guests. This to all the girls who helped Ann. Unfortunately Commander Pluff not being as sure footed as he was when member of F Co. 104th Inf. in 17-19 fell down a few flights of stairs and missed all the fun. Sorry Harry.

—C. H. Norton.

LYNN

Commander: Rudolph T. Heftye
83 Conomo Ave., Lynn, Mass.
Secretary: Edmond Trudell
67 Howard St., Lynn, Mass.

Plenty doing the next two months for Lynn members. On October 28th we hold our regular monthly smoker featured by our Chateau Thierry Club headed by The Duke, Dick Hennessey, Bill Eddows, Claude Hoag, Leslie Pugh, Eustis Grimes with George Walton in charge of luncheon. Last month we had Asst. Dist. Attorney of Essex County, Sam Jaffee give us a fine talk and this month we expect Eddie Penniman, famous columnist, to relate his experiences in the Pacific. On November 10th at 6.30 P. M. we will have our 28th Annual Armistice Eve Banquet at the Oxford Club—$2.50 per person. A fine program has been arranged by Chairman Thomas Curran and his committee with Ray Doucette as Treasurer, Edmond Trudell as Secretary. Special guests will be our own National Commander Fred Jones and his Sgt-at-Arms, State Commander Ernest Meteyer and Mayor Albert Cole, Chief Executive of our fair City and member of our Chapter, Philip Cashman, State Vice Com. American Legion will be the principal speaker.

On November 11th we will take part in the Annual Armistice Day Parade, headed by Saugus High School Band and after parade luncheon will be served at our YD quarters after which we will place wreaths on the Revere and Lynn ends of General Edwards Bridge. P.N.C. Ray Doucette is in charge of arrangements.

During December we will hold our Big Raffle to

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assist our annual Hospital Xmas Party at Chelsea Soldiers Home. P.C. Bill Eddows is in charge of Raffle assisted by Leonard Burnham, S.V.C. Our annual Xmas Party at Chelsea Soldiers Home will be in charge of Ray Doucette. Xmas boxes loaded with good things to eat and use will be presented to all YD men at the Hospital and a fine vaudeville show will be presented to all at the Hospital. Boxes will also be sent to all members in other hospitals or at home. During the past year we have spent over $600. from our Sick and Hospital Fund. Our Blitz Parties contribute generously to this fund and are conducted every Monday night at our own quarters under the direction of Edmond Trudell assisted by George Walton, Edwin Streeter, Bill Eddows and Lenny Burnham. —The Duke.

NEW BEDFORD

Commander: Dester Dubois
106 Arnold St., New Bedford, Mass.
Secretary: Ernest G. Parker
15 Priscilla St., New Bedford, Mass.

At the October 14th meeting it was reported that "Joe" Blanchette had entered the Union Hospital, but the Commander was informed that Joe had gone to a Veteran Hospital. We certainly hope it is not too serious. Someone will try and see Joe as soon as possible.

PC Marcoux reported on the Springfield Convention. Being the only YD'er from New Bedford, everyone wanted to know where the YD Drum Corps was and when told that they did not go to Springfield it surprised everybody, especially the Bristol Chapter. He also reported that New Bedford is in line for the State Commandership, because the New Bedford Chapter has not been attending the State meeting. It was good news for the meeting. PC Marcoux showed a picture of the YD Drum Corps for publication, also three certificates for Third Prize for the Corps, won during the New Bedford Celebration of Centennial Week. The Drum Corps is practicing new music and will be heard playing new tunes during the Armistice Day Parade. Arrangements are now in progress to hold a Christmas Party for the Drum Corps with the expense to be taken from the Corps fund. A baton has been purchased for a new Majorette, who is reported to be six feet tall. An effort is being made to get some new blouses for the Corps.

Jesse Briggs, Delegate to the Allied Veterans Council, gave a report of the last meeting. He reported that the Council is seeking the aide of Attorney General Barnes, to further the fight for acquiring Fort Rodman, for Veteran Housing. He also reported that a complaint was before the Council that the New Bedford Office of the Veterans Aid, was not treating the veterans right, and the Council is to investigate the report. The Council also voted to have two streets named for veterans who made the supreme sacrifice.

The resignation of the Treasurer and the Adjutant was accepted. The Commander of the Andrews-Dahill Post, threaten to withdraw his Post from the Allied Veterans Council after protesting to the past action of the Council, which he claims was contrary to the Council By-Laws, which are being revised. Because the Hotel charged for the room for the meeting, it was voted to have the next meeting at the new quarters of the American-Portuguese Veterans Association.

Comrade Briggs reported that the members of the Auxiliary of Battery D had disbanded and would hold no more meetings. It was voted that the members of the Auxiliary be invited to use our quarters for any function that they may desire.

Charley Bowden was given authority to buy coal for the winter meetings. The Commander will contact the President of the New Bedford Chapter YDVA Auxiliary, to encourage their use of our quarters for their future meetings. The Fishermen are still talking of the fishing trip held on August 31st and want plans started now for next summer.

Charley Anderson has been seen around and is looking good. Keep well Charley. Walter Johnson is still collecting dues if you have not paid yours yet please send it in to Walter. If you hear of any sick comrades please notify "Bill" Barter. At the November 12th meeting we expect to show moving pictures, so plan now to attend that meeting.

—Dester D. DuBois.

SALEM CHAPTER

Commander: Edward Rennicks
11 Bridge St., Salem, Mass.
Secretary: Ernest J. Pelletier
22 Mt. Vernon St., Peabody, Mass.

On Sunday, November 2nd, D Battery of the 101st F.A., will hold its annual reunion. On the same day the State Dept. YDVA of Massachusetts will hold its monthly meeting. It's too bad that the dates are the same, as it will rob each meeting of just so many men who would ordinarily attend both times.

Salem's annual turkey drawing is now going on. One series of tickets have already been sold. We will start with the next series at once. PC Lucien Pelletier is the chairman. If you want tickets get in touch with Lucien or any of the chapter officers.

Lucien Thibault attended his first meeting last Sun-

day. Lucien was with the 101st F.A. Supply. It was good to see a long lost old YD man show up. He has missed a lot of good times with the gang all these years.

Chief Long says, no more penny ante games for him. Not since Max Perry tried to sell him the Hawthorne Hotel.

Dutchie Ayers, Battery E 101st F. A., was appointed a committee of one to sell our movie making machine. He reports that he has had no luck yet. Might even buy it himself and take all of our pictures and send them into Believe-it-or-not-Ripley.

Wally Coan, WWII, Major Whipple and John Walsh are members of the Veterans Council of Salem. They reported to the Chapter about the progress that is being made by the Council.

I met a couple of our members about town the last week or so whom I have not seen at our meetings lately. Bert Julian and Eddie Gagnon, both of WWII.

We hear that our own Count LaForme has been elected an officer of the Legion of France-American des Etats-Unis. That's the frog Legion to you fellows.

I sure would like to listen to LaForme talking parlez-vous, with those swamp canaries and puddle jumpers. You can never tell what those men of D Battery will do next. Of course us guys from E Battery could always sling the old baloney in French—Harken, Voulez-vous promenade avec moi ce soir, cochon, oo-la-la-la.

—Donald Duck Thebault.

SPRINGFIELD

Commander: David D. Hogan
170 Plumtree Road, Springfield, Mass.
Secretary: Thomas E. Moriarty
69 Malden Street, Springfield, Mass.

Well, fellows, the Jiggs' Dinner went over pretty big. Some two hundred members attended, and all commented that Comrade Bill Coveny and his committee did a swell job. The ball game between the WWI and II boys is still being talked about. It is claimed that age defeated youth because youth did not have enough experience. Yes, the WWI *boys* won by the score of 13 to 8. It is said that one No. II fellow says that he will never try to stop a ball hit by Doc Andrews. Seems Doc hit one so hard that when the WWII member tried to stop it his finger was almost taken off. He was still complaining three weeks later.

Comrade George Lyons is pretty happy these days. His son, Robert A. Lyons, came home on a thirty day furlough on Oct. 20th. Not only happy but proud is George. His son was one of the 25 men picked from the Coast Guard to escort the first returning war dead home from the Pacific. A small but lively party was given him at the YD clubhouse on Round Hill on Tuesday, Oct. 21st. Bob is a radar man, 3rd class, and came all the way from Okinawa.

After changing the date three times because of difficulties, Chairman Wm. McCarron of the Armistice Day Ball and Past Commander's Dinner finally ended up on the day originally planned. As this is being written plans are all complete and we hope that everybody had a swell time at the dinner.

We wish to state at this time that we have as members fully paid up the total of 266. It was stated at a recent State Dept. meeting that we only had 245 and we wanted this figure corrected.

Comrade Bob Beach tells me that Capt. C. E. Ross, one of our members, is now back on duty at Pine Bluff Arsenal, Pine Bluff, Arkansas. Just a short time ago, Capt. Ross was pretty sick and in the hospital at Denver, Colo. We are glad to hear that he is back on his feet and wish him lots of luck at his post.

New members since the last DOINGS: William Accorsi, Headquarters Co., 328th., and Charles S. Brown, Headquarters Co., 1st. Bn., 104th.

—Thomas E. Moriarty.

WORCESTER

Commander: Edward S. Bird
468 Massasoit Rd., Worcester, Mass.
Secretary: Clyde O. Elliott
839 Main St., Worcester, Mass.

Well, Comrades, this chapter is slowly getting back on its proverbial feet following our recent catas-

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trophe; the scars are carefully being eliminated so that when all is said and done, it can be said that we have one of the show places of the city. Many of the Comrades are, on their days off, pitching in to help fix the place up to the best of their ability. Having just one meeting a month don't give you much meat for news in the DOINGS, but we struggle along with the hopes that what you do read here is of interest. Future events cast their shadows before them, so what looms up, the big news of our "Annual Turkey Party!" The party this year will be held in our large meeting hall in the rear of our club house, so there will be no FREE BEER and LUNCH, as we did have in the past.

In past years we were graciously given the recreation room at the brewery but since they have had an incident there they have been stopped from allowing so many people to gather in one place for safety's sake, so that is why we are having the party here. All arrangements have been mostly completed for the affair so look for another banner year. Commander Bird has the following members to back him up on this project: PC Matt Leary, PC Gene Gilliam, Jim (keeper of the money bags) Kierstead, Cliff Mellen and Acky Johnson. These boys have worked on the same committee in past years so that they know what to do to keep things moving along. Never a dull moment say they.

On Columbus Day (Oct. 12th) the Knights of Columbus renewed their annual marathon (that had been put on the shelf during the war) so the chapter to help things along was asked to donate a prize for the occasion. An electric clock was purchased and given to the committee for a prize. In the recent mails we received a letter of thanks from the winner of this prize in the person of Ralph E. Williams, Jr., a member of South High School, class of '48, who considers himself most fortunate in having won it, and to which we add, more power to you Ralph, may you add more glories to yourself and your school in your scholastic years. Maybe the chapter will sponsor sports of some kind or other before long.

CHICAGO IN '49 — Well, what's wrong with that? Could be an incentive for a larger membership in the Middle West. How well I remember the room I had on the 42nd floor in the Morrison Hotel at one of the conventions, and the YD banquet that was held in the Stevens during that week. I only hope that more show for the banquet in Chicago than what showed up for a banquet held in Milwaukee during one of those conventions. It takes a long time sometimes to recover from a slap in the face that is given you by the National body.

Pete Morris sent word back that he received a basket from the chapter, and was thankful for the same although he expected to find a (pt.). Have not heard from the others so can't say how they are getting along. Dan Jones brings in word every month on how George Brooks is getting along; a slow job George, but keep your chin up, we are pulling for you.

The next meeting of the chapter will be held on Thursday, November 6th at the club house, so come one come all, and support your officers.

—COE.

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

Dep't. Commander: David A. Davidson, 1400 Cranston St., Cranston, R. I.
Dep't. Secretary: William A. Geddes, P.O. Box 457, Warwick Neck, R. I.

PAWTUCKET
"Apremont Chapter"
Commander: Bertram T. Campbell
9 Jefferson Avenue, Pawtucket, R. I.
Secretary: John R. Moran
394 Daggett Ave., Pawtucket, R. I.

Meetings held the Third Monday of the Month, Irish-American Hall, North Union Street, Pawtucket, R. I.

The regular meeting of the chapter was well attended as the Apremont Chapter was host Chapter to the Department representation from Providence and Kent County Chapter with plenty of activity on the floor as to the why and how that the members do not take a more active part in the Chapters. The rules and orders were out for fair. The Department memorial services will take place at St. Phillips Episcopal Church, Little Compton, R. I. Department Chaplain Dunn, assisted by Chapter Chaplains were in charge of the detail. Kent County Chapter, host. The meeting was well attended by the women folks who took quite an interest in the activities. We might hear more from them later on.

Plans were completed for Armistice Day for both Providence and Pawtucket, Apremont Chapter holding open house after the parade, this being a very busy month the chapter has been well represented at the various activities in the community. November 22, the DAV is holding a testimonial dinner to Francis A. Clarke, who has been a very active member and at present is the National Deputy Chief of Staff

of the DAV. Senior Vice Commander Poirier opened the meeting in the absence of Commander Campbell who attended a safety council meeting. He managed to return in time to close the meeting. Good news for the members of the chapter will be meeting in our new quarters very shortly if the plans materialize.

Comrades Phil Feeley, Dave Collins, Bernie Hughes, Bob Haigh and Bill Campbell still on the sick list. The kitty was in action again at the meeting. William W. Dooley for the big prize. No Bill, no prize. The following were missing for the second drawing, Horace Craven, Harry Lancaster, George Mulligan, Jr. won the drawing. Mrs. John R. Moran won the special prize. A social was held after the meeting and refreshments were served by the house committee in charge of Past Commander John L. Mallon. The usual donation was made to the Red Feather Campaign. —John R. Moran.

KENT COUNTY

Commander: Henry Bacon
86 New London Ave., Warwick, R. I.
Secretary: George R. MacLeod
180 Wendell Rd., Lakewood, R. I.

A Special Meeting was called Thursday, October 9th, at 8:30 P. M., in place of our regular meeting, as some of the members were going away over the week end holidays.

Arrangements are being made for the services on Memorial Sunday, November 9th. This service is to be held in the St. Philips Episcopal Church, Crompton, R. I.

A report was made by six members of the Chapter who journeyed down to the Newport Naval Hospital to see our hard working secretary, George MacLeod. George is ill and enjoyed the afternoon very much. We wish you good luck George and hope that you are back with us very soon.

To that YD car from New York that we passed on the return trip from Newport, sorry fellows that we could not stop. Thanks for the salutation. Drop a card to James Dyson, 32 Whitin Ave., Lakewood 5, R. I., and let us know who you are.

—Jim Dyson.

PROVIDENCE

Commander: Walter B. Vickery
86 Keith Avenue, Cranston 10, R. I.
Secretary: Clifton L. Higgins
90 Berkshire St., Providence 8, R. I.

Our Chapter meeting of October 1st, was well attended. We have 293 paid up members and are looking forward to going well over the 300 mark.

The Convention Corporation held a meeting with Chairman Larry Cook at his office. The dates of the convention have been set as June 24, 25, 26, and 27th inclusive. The year, 1948. This will be a big year for Providence.

The Chapter is undertaking a concerted drive to uniform all of its members in YD uniforms.

It certainly looked good to have the faces of George Astle and Howard Hunt showing at our meetings.

We are looking forward to having a large turnout at our November 5th meeting as the members of C Battery are presenting a stand of colors as a Memorial to their departed comrades.

I am very sorry to learn of the death of Horace Mitchell in Miami, Florida. He was formerly a member of the Providence Chapter and served with Hq. 101st Supply Train.

We are pleased to be informed that our Comrades J. Sousa, R. Beaudette and H. Clarke have recovered from their recent illnesses and are back at work.

LET'S BACK OUR COMMANDER. EVERY MEMBER MAKE SURE HIS OWN DUES ARE PAID THEN GET THE COMRADE WHO HAS NOT PAID HIS. IN THIS WAY W WILL GET OU MEMBERSHIP BUILT BACK WHERE IT BELONGS. —Clif Higgins.

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

Dep't. Commander: John C. Carter, 28 Cortlandt St., Elmwood, Conn.
Dep't. Secretary: H. Leroy Woodcock, 94 Elmwood Ave., Waterbury, Conn.

STATE MEETING

State Meeting called to order by Commander John Carter at 3:45 P. M. Chaplain Wm. O'Neill, Jr., opened the meeting with prayer. Commander Carter then called up the comrades for thirty seconds silence in memory of our departed comrades.

The Chaplain then reported he had no report on sickness as he had not received any list in three months. The Secretary has two batches of get-well cards signed at State meetings but as I also have not received any list, do not know who to send them to. Have written in to Newington, but no reply. So if

any of you know any comrades who are sick at home or in the hospital, if you send me his name and address I will mail him some of these cards. PDC Fred Hersch of New Haven was laid up three weeks but was able to attend the meeting Sunday. After the social hour several of the Comrades went over to see PDC J. Philip Fray who is confined to his home with sickness.

Chaplain O'Neill, Jr., voted to have the Dept. of Conn. YDVA go on record as being opposed to the tax bill. This tax bill, it was explained, does not cover the soldiers bonus only but is used by the State for Schools, Bridges and Veterans Hospitals. After some debate Hi Dube of New Haven moved this motion be tabled for one year, as it will take only one year to pay the bonus.

Jr. Vice Commander Pat Healey of New London inquired of Commander Carter what the YD in different cities had planned when the dead of World War II were returned. Hi Dube then explained the procedure as laid down by a representative of Gen. Hodges at the New Haven Council meeting. As the bodies arrive at the coast, they will be sent to a central dispersing center; from there, they will be sent to he nearest of kin, under guard. The nearest of kin ill be notified just 24 hours previous to their arrival. his will eliminate any undue pressure being put on ne nearest of kin. Jiggs Carton informed Commander Carter that New Haven has 10 men who are ready at a minute's notice to render any service that the nearest of kin request.

Der Sprague, one of the commissioners at Rocky Hill, was called on by Commander Carter to give us an account of the new Veterans Hospital at Rocky Hill. It is a 600-bed hospital, and according to Gen. Hodges' report is the best laid out and equipped Veterans Hospital in the United States. It was started by the Planning Committee back in 1942 under Governor Baldwin.

It is planned to take care of some of the Civilian Chronic sickness of Hartford and vicinity for a period of time of five years, or until such time as the Veterans need the room. It is planned to start with 25 and gradually work up to 50—no more, and no longer than five years.

Commander Carter then announced that he had appointed Ben Bourne PMC Chairman of the General Edwards' Statue Committee. Hi Dube then moved Commander Carter be given a vote of confidence in naming Ben.

Meeting adjourned, 4:45 P. M.

—M. Leroy Woodcock.

BRISTOL
MONT SEC CHAPTER

Commander: Benjamin W. Erickson
R. F. D., Collingsville, Conn.
Secretary: Will N. Salladin
153 Goodwin St., Bristol, Conn.

Have just returned from the Larry Cook dinner at Providence, R. I., and see by the calendar that I have no time to waste if I want to get something into DOINGS about our Chapter.

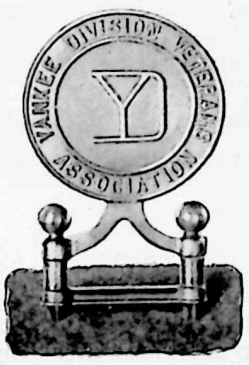
That was a fine tribute that was paid to Larry Cook, an outstanding YD man and a real good fellow. The thing that impressed me most was the absence of many YD men who should have been present at that dinner. The so-called brass hats and many National Commanders were conspicuous by their absence. Also, many Connecticut men were not there who should have been.

I am sorry to report that our Commander, Joe Parent is on the sick list and is at Newington Hospital as is Pete Tennleli. Charlie Sturgeon is sick at home. Some of the boys who have called upon them report that they are all doing well.

The Elks Party of September 27th to the Bristol YD was a huge success. It was a Ladies Night as well as a man's night and we were honored by the presence of our National Commander and his wife. Following the entertainment program the chairman of the house committee, who is also a YD man opened the new $5000.00 bar to the ladies. Something that is very seldom done.

We have 103 members as of now. We still meet at the YD Camp in Plainville on the 2nd Friday of each month. We cordially welcome any YD man, his wife or his friends who happen to drop by. We have lots of fun through good comradeship, a-la Bristol, Conn.

—Salladin, Sec.



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GROTON-STONINGTON

Commander: Cornelius A. Riley
R. F. D. 2, Westerly, R. I.
Secretary: John J. Brough
31 Summer St., Westerly, R. I.

The Groton-Stonington Chapter met on Sunday, October 5, 1947, at the V.F.W. Hall, Westerly, R. I.

Owing, perhaps, to the broadcasting of the World Series, the attendance was very small. We did have a fine meeting that was followed by a nice supper consisting of chicken pies and all the fixings. Because not too many were there we had ample seconds. Now aren't you sorry you didn't come?

There was some discussion about Compulsory Military Training. The feeling of this Chapter was mixed. Nothing definite was done about it. So it looks as if the National Congress will have to thrash the matter out without the aid of the Groton-Stonington Chapter's aid.

I would like to remind all those who have not paid their dues for this year that they should do so at once. There is no need for any YD man to fail in this slight obligation to his own organization. Please send your dues to John Brough, 31 Summer St., Westerly, R. I.

The next meeting will be held at the V. F. W. Hall, Westerly, R. I., Sunday, November 2, 1947. Try and be there.

—Ernest E. Fowkes.

NEW HAVEN

Commander: Dwight W. Chapman
28 Farnham Ave., New Haven, Conn.
Secretary: Alexander Flynn
P. O. Box 336, New Haven (2), Conn.

Well Gang, the month started off with an executive meeting to plan for the coming Fall and Winter activities of the Chapter.

Plans were made for old newspaper and magazine collections and members are requested to save theirs and to ask their neighbors to save theirs also. Have the bundles tied separately in packages approximately a foot high and drop them at the club rooms or drop a note to the club and they will be picked up. The proceeds from the sales go to our charity fund so help the good cause.

Last meeting night, the second Thursday in October was well attended and a few old timers showed up that have been among the missing lately. Arrangements were made to hold a Country Fair Festival on Thursday, October 23rd and I will report the results for next month's DOINGS. We expect a large turnout for Armistice Day observance and the club will hold open house from 4 P. M. on.

The next regular meeting on Nov. 13th is important as plans must then be completed for our annual Children's Christmas Remembrance. This affair has always gone over big every year and we have been able to bring joy to many youngsters through the distribution of toys and clothing to the less fortunate.

There are many plans being discussed for social activities and more of the members who have not been active in the past few years are urged to get to the meetings and give the committees a hand. Remember this is your organization and the only way we can do as we are asked by the front cover of Doings this month is to take active part in all the affairs of your chapter. Remember, just paying your dues is not enough and your officers cannot carry out the wishes of the members as to how the organization should be run unless you attend meetings and tell them what you want done. A large number show up and elect officers and then during the year when the faithful few try to use their judgment in conducting the activities a cry goes up of cliques or the officers are criticised if things go wrong and when they do, it can generally be traced to lack of support by the members themselves. There has been many times both past and present that I am approached by men who cannot join YD asking me what they can do to merit being taken in as an honorary member. In fact many of these men have put the active members to shame with the work they have done in helping to carry our activities to a successful end. Get on the team NOW and "KEEP YD ALIVE."

—Alex J. Flynn.

NORWALK

Commander: Philip E. McIntyre
Shepherd St., Norwalk, Conn.
Secretary: Albert W. Herman
3 Alden Ave., E. Norwalk, Conn.

Norwalk Chapter started its Fall season with a well attended meeting Oct. 17, at the home of Past Commander Henry Woods at 154 Gregory Blvd., E. Norwalk, Conn. Commander Phil McIntyre opened the meeting at 8:30 P. M. Prayer was read by P. C. Sam Polley. As this was the first meeting since Commander Phil McIntyre's return from Rocky Hill Veterans Hospital, he was very pleased with the large attendance. On Oct. 8th Charles Lamb, a charter member of the Norwalk Chapter passed away at his home after a lengthy illness. YD services were held at the funeral home and pall bearers and firing squad were provided by the Norwalk Chapter.

Our chapter has been hard hit the past few years as our comrades after comrades who have been the backbone of our chapter have gone to rest. Those gallant warriors will always be missed by those of us who have been left behind to carry on.

Plans have been made to participate in the Armistice Parade the night of Nov. 11, also a representation from the chapter will attend the PNC dinner for Larry Cook in Providence, R. I. Oct. 18.

For the first time this year the Norwalk Chapter was represented at a State Meeting which was held in Bridgeport, Conn. The members of the chapter and auxiliary of the Bridgeport chapter deserve a vote of thanks from all who attended the State Meeting, for the very fine hospitality and food served by the Auxiliary. Brother, that roast beef was something. Only Past Commander John Schulze can take a bow for handling the best in Bridgeport. State Commander Carter is doing a swell job. All he needs is the support of some of us who sometimes forget that the State Meetings are something that are for the good of our beloved organization.

Getting back to our little old Norwalk Chapter Chapter with a pledge that we will stick together as long as we can.

—A. W. H.

WINDHAM COUNTY

Commander: Dr. W. P. S. Keating
12 Potter St., Willimantic, Conn.
Secretary: G. H. Hall
So. Willington, Conn.

September 8th was our Past Commanders' Nite and it turned out to be the best ever held. There were 150 in attendance. Under the supervision of Gen. Chairman "Pa" Lindgren and Co-Chairman Pat Haggerty a swell job was done and thanks again to you two and your helpers for a grand time. A short business session was held followed by a nice buffet supper and a good show. Our October meeting was a flop—so far as business was concerned, but as a social affair for the six of us present it was a wow. Haggerty, Moshier and Maass put a real kick into this "Bull Session." Who said the 102nd, especially Co. L, was asleep at the switch. Ah man, what an outfit—what a Gang—and how. Next meeting in November at Hall's Corners in the country. This promises to be a swell evening. Hope to have our National and State Commanders with us.

Have you men noticed "Yankee Doings" getting thinner and thinner? Have you noticed the quality of this once great little "Book" isn't what it used to be. Well, one of the reasons is finances; of that you may be certain, and one way to get the dough is to increase membership. The larger our National Membership the larger and better our magazine. Men, we are not up to par on members, and it's up to you individuals to help the good cause along. If there is a YD man running loose, for gosh sake get him, won't you? As of this date we have 55 on the rolls; 10 below last year, and men, we have a potential of close to 85. We have not worked too hard on this. Let's get going NOW.

About the Ladies—we don't think enough of our "Gals" men, and isn't it time we had a couple of parties for them — just for them. How about you "Outsiders" members of our Chapter who live some miles away from our Hdqs? How about getting together with us for a real bang up good time? This corner requests as it has before and, urgently, that you men write in any suggestions you may have for the good of YD—meaning your Chapter, of which you are a part. You are a swell bunch—you send in dues regularly year after year but we sincerely would like to see you and hear from you.

Our December meeting will be at Norwich, at the Legion Home, on the first day of the month. How about a large turnout. If you can't make it won't you drop a line and tell us what you would like. Where is Alferi, Brickley of Norwich; Bigelow, Welch of Willimantic. Where is Pimpare? Get going you men. We are the best YD gang in the State Dept. right here in your local Chapter. Enough for now. Keep YD moving and on the march.

—G. H. H.

DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Commander: William H. Cowie, 43-17 149th St., Flushing, N. Y.
Secretary: Francis X. Hickey, 170 Devoe Ave., Yonkers, N. Y.

BALTIMORE

Commander: Nelson A Wright
1001 Argonne Drive, Baltimore, Md.
Secretary: Thomas E. Johancen
110 Homewood Rd., Linthicum Hqts., Md.

The October meeting was the best one that the Baltimore club has ever had. Correction, not the meeting, but the entertainment after the meeting. Commander Wright hurried the meeting through so that we could get to the entertainment. Three young men, Nelson Wright Jr., Maurice Holder, and Mickey Raymond gave us an exhibition of magic the likes of which we had never seen. Beer and pretzels were provided by members for this meeting, but from now on, the club buys them. The Baltimore Chapter wants to thank those three fellows for really showing us a good time.

Dec. 18th we are having a Christmas party at Reichhart's Alpine Villa, 2208 Harford Road. Every member will be contacted for this gala affair. If possible, we hope to have General Paul, but he is a busy man and we may not get him.

Each meeting sees one or more fellows paying their dues, so we are getting along fairly well with membership. We urge all YD men, members or not, to drop in at our meetings. We have a bar and jukebox, slot machines, etc. in the downstairs room for our use and a fine meeting room. Come up to one of the meetings. You have nothing to lose, only something to gain. —T. E. J.

CHICAGO

Commander: Gil J. Nape
842 W. Altgeld St., Chicago 14, Ill.
Secretary: William F. Buchholz
201 N. Wells St., Chicago (6), Ill.

Congratulations to the new scribe for the Chicago Chapter. By the way, since when were you authorized to speak or state that someone had a good time at the Convention. Now you have explanations to make as there were four representatives from Chicago at Springfield. Whether or not they were all at the bar, I couldn't say, but when one meets a guy he hasn't seen for 28 years, where the hell do you suppose they would wind up. In a tea room?

Thanx for the plug for the Convention in 1949. You didn't tell the members we would like Ed O'Connell for National Commander in 1948. How come? You were told that over a cup of joy water at the bar.

In this last issue our National Commander asks us to examine our conscience to ascertain, whether or not we are doing our bit in the interest of the YDVA. Well, I have examined mine, also my pocketbook, and found that I haven't done a bit of good for the YD since the Convention, because it was too damn hot to think of anything, except to shell out every now and then. By the way, one reply was received regarding that 'Ad' for the Convention. It was from Mike Crescenzo and was received before I had my copy of DOINGS.

Sorry I didn't participate in the ceremonies for the returning war dead which was held last evening at Soldiers Field. Hope some of the Chicago Chapter were there. Our good friend Allen Usher has granted us another Preview at Paramount's Studio for Oct. 21st. Thanx, Allen, also why not drop around to meetings once in a while. John Klockowski, PC, seems to have taken off quite a bit of weight lately. What's the matter, John? Do you miss the aroma of corn beef and cabbage or what makes you lose. Our good friend, Guy Watts would like the recipe. Our new secretary for meetings will be Richard Mine, while Bill Buckholz is attending night school. Lots of luck Bill. Several old familiar faces were missing at the last meeting. How about being present at the next? Why not keep the YDVA alive as well as the N. G. —Jack Donovan.

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DENVER

"Rocky Mountain Chapter"

Commander: Arthur G. Vetter
Ayres Hotel, Denver 3, Colo.
Secretary: Albert W. Rockwell
1414 Marion St., Denver, Colo.

Not too many of the boys out this month—wonder where all the fellows were. Out deer hunting I'll bet.

Ben Harmon dropped in to pass out cigars, his first grandson had arrived. Congratulations, Ben.

A newcomer was out, Arthur Schwartzer, we enjoyed having him and hope he becomes one of our regular attenders.

Samuels (E Co., 101st Inf.) called in and said he would be unable to attend as he was going to a birthday party. Thanks for calling in, Samuels.

Ericson and Ellis (K Co., 101st Inf.) had just returned from a successful deer hunt. Both got their deer the first day so they will have plenty of venison to eat now.

A letter from Paul Pinnt (B Co., 102nd Inf.) says he is now raising peaches over in Grand Junction. He will have to get together with Dick King (Hq. Co., 102nd Inf.) and the other YD men over there on the western slope.

Doc Morris (B Btry., 101st FA), Chapin (F Btry., 01st FA) and Hirsch (D Co., 104th Inf.) were preent and all ate a hearty meal.

A letter from Harry Hubbert (Hq. Btry., 180th FA) states he wishes he were present and gives his regards to the gang.

That's all for now, more dope next month. Try to be out.

— Rand E. Ericson, *Sec.-Treas.*

DETROIT

Commander: L. L. Horvath
9055 Dearborn Ave., Detroit (17), Mich.
Secretary: Robert Faulkner
16166 Sorrento Ave., Detroit (27), Mich.

The first meeting of the Detroit Chapter turned out to be very successful. After a nice summer everyone is all set to get out and drive for a bigger and better Chapter.

Commander Howath is going to attend the Armistice Committee meetings this month and give a report at our next meeting.

Speaking of Armistice Day, one always thinks of Pete Sady who never let a year go by without having a get together of YD men at his office on this day.

After the meeting everyone retired to a quiet secluded spot for a little refreshment and, of course, a few beers. In the way of conversation a couple of the boys gave us their first hand information on the wonderful time they had at last year's convention.

Well, Detroit Chapter members, until we do more than just meet, this is all the story we can give to Doings.

Hope to see you all at the next Chapter meeting.

— Bob Faulkner.

NEW YORK

"Knickerbocker Chapter"

Commander: Andrew M. Lemon
75 Pine St., Garden City, Long Island, N. Y.
Treasurer: C. Alfred Kjelleran
30 Edward Street, Baldwin, New York

Meets every second Thursday of the month at the Mural Room, 69th Reg't. Armory, 68 Lexington Avenue, New York.

As usual on the second Thursday Night in O'Dwyerville on the Hudson, the New York Chapter held its monthly meeting. Beneath the murals depicting the martial glories of the "Fighting Irish" the gavel rapped and the session got under way Thursday Night, 9 October at 8:30.

Prior to the opening of the meeting, the Chapter honored the Commanding Officer of the "Fighting Irish", Colonel Meaney and his staff at a small dinner in "Pop" Scanlon's Bar and Grille.

The Chapter now has 231 members in good standing. There are many more members whose standing could be improved by the payment of their dues. So we're asking you "delinquent dillies" to get up the dough and get on the band wagon to make this the greatest year in the Chapter's history.

In line with the ideas expressed by General Paul at the Convention, regarding the return of World War II comrades who made the supreme sacrifice, the Chapter has formed a committee to contact the parents or survivors of our deceased comrades in this area, offering the aid of the Chapter in any way we may be of service.

The annual Christmas Cheer Drawing will be held December 11, 1947, proceeds of the drawing to go to the Chapter Welfare Fund. Books are now on sale and may be had from any member of the New York Chapter or by contacting Comrade Joe Conway.

At the close of the meeting, Commander Andy Lemon presented Col. Meany to the Chapter. The Colonel gave a fine talk on the new National Guard. Incidentally, if "Pop" Connors' ears are burning, it only was because the Colonel said some very nice things about the new 101st Infantry.

Guess this would come under the heading of "It's a

small world". Col. Meaney and our Andy served together at Plattsburg twenty years ago. In those days, the Col. was junior to Andy. Then to cut the world down a bit smaller, Comrade Ernie Greup sent a telegram expressing his disappointment at not being able to attend the meeting and listen to his old C.O. Colonel Meany was Ernie's Commanding Officer before Ernie joined the Yankee Division in the last Kraut Uprising. — Joe McCarthy.
Historian.

OHIO

Commander: Herbert Riehl
10103 Benham Ave., Cleveland (5) Ohio
Secretary: Fred A. Boutwell
4817 Payne Ave., Cleveland (3), Ohio

Well, here we are again, after a summer lull. We are all rarin' to go for the fall season.

There had been no regular meeting in September, because the Ohio Chapter, YDVA was host to the YD men of the VFW attending the convention on September 5th. There was a great turn-out with free beer and sandwiches for all.

The ladies had a grand time coaxing cootie insignia from the boys of the M. O. C.

The October meeting was principally devoted to making plans for the Ladies Auxiliary's third anniversary party, to be held in November. Those of you who attended last year will recall the good time had by all. This year promises to be even better.

— Johanna Baldo, *Sec.*

PHILADELPHIA

Commander: Chas. "Chick" Frazier
3533 No. 11th St., Phila. 40, Pa.
Secretary: William P. Brown
2816 N. "D" St., Phila., Penna.

Meetings are held 4th Friday of the month at "Chick" Frazier's Dug-Out at 3533 N. 11th St., 8:30 P. M.

Maj. Gen. Willard S. Paul—Guest of honor at 7th annual dinner of Phila. Chapter, YDVA—it's a fact.

This big news came to light at our special meeting October 17th. Hats off to Lou Wintner for making arrangements for our guests, Honorary Commander Maj. Gen. Willard S. Paul, Commander Fred A. Jones, Chaplain Rev. Francis X. Bransfield.

The dinner will be held at the Spring Hill Country Club, Maple Shade, N. J. Al Roberts as usual will make all arrangements for the dinner. We expect this dinner to be the biggest in the history of the Phila. Chapter.

Watch the headlines for news of the Phila. Chapter bowling team, being organized under the able direction of John Schork.

Write Bill Brown for information about the Phila. Chapter.

— Bill Drollinger.

SAN FRANCISCO

Commander: Anthony De Jesus
476 Winslow St., Crockett, Calif.
Secretary: Zack R. Hughes
2442 33rd Ave., San Francisco, Calif.

We held our meeting on the first Thursday of October, as usual, and was honored by the presence of Mr. Frank Bachelder, a World War I Veteran, who has been working for Uncle Sam for a number of years. Mr. Bachelder would like to be remembered to his buddies of the Yankee Division of World War I. He was a first Lieutenant in the 101st Headquarters of World War I and served with the Air Corps in World War II. Mr. Bachelder will probably be seeing us quite often as his work is in San Francisco.

Among those attending the meeting were Mr. Bellaire and Mr. Good, also Mr. Gilson of the Los Angeles Post, who will attend our meetings while in Northern California.

Mr. Cy Washburn, as usual, furnished us with a very excellent place to meet. Mr. Washburn has done a great deal toward the forming of the Chapter of the Yankee Division in San Francisco and we wish to extend our hearty thanks.

Bob Raful was the "honor" man of the evening as he expects to become a father the end of April.

All members of Yankee Division of World War I and II are cordially invited to attend our next meeting which will be held on Thursday, November 6th at 110 Market Street. Hope to see you all on November 6th. —Zack R. Hughes, Jr.

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26TH INFANTRY DIVISION, M. N. G.
Headquarters: Boston, Mass.

1st Lt. Leonard F. Wing, Jr., 24, of 261 Marlborough St., Boston, whose home is in Rutland, Vt., and who is the son of the late Major General Wing of the famous "Wing Raiders", or the Winged Victory Division, the 43rd, which saw much action in the Pacific theatre, has joined the 26th Infantry Division of the Massachusetts National Guard.

Lt. Wing, who served with the 84th Infantry Division in Europe and was a German prisoner of war, has been assigned as aide to Maj. General William I. Rose, C. G. of the Division. Wing's father, who died suddenly while home in Vermont on leave in 1945, and General Rose served together in the first World War.

Lt. Wing was captured near Aachen, Germany on Thanksgiving Day in 1944. He escaped two months later from a Polish Prison camp, when the Russian drive caused the Germans to move their prisoners back into Germany. He joined the Russians near Warsaw, and was eventually shipped back to Odessa, Egypt, Italy and to Boston in 1945. He was seperated from the service in July, 1946.

Lt. Wing is attending law school in Boston, and is living in the city with his wife. His father was very well known in national guard circles throughout the country, and is generally regarded as one of the greatest of the national guard general officers. He took over the 43rd Division in New Georgia, and took it all the way to Japan. In recognition of the driving zeal of the man, the division adopted the nickname, "Winged Victory Division." They also called themselves "Wing's Raiders."

General Wing returned home to Vermont and his family in October, 1945, and died suddenly of a heart attack while in Rutland, Vt. Lt. Wing has a brother, Bruce, 22, and a sister, Patricia, 21, besides his mother at home. The Lieutenant wears the silver star, purple heart, combat infantryman's badge, and the European Theatre ribbon, Victory ribbon, and American Theatre ribbons.

More than 100 officers and enlisted men of the 26th Infantry Division of the Massachusetts National Guard were responsible for the outstanding success of the recent Holy Name Parade in Boston, the largest in the city's history, when more than 100,000 men, 100 floats and 100 bands paraded through the streets of the Bay State city from 10:30 A. M. until 7 P. M., while more than 3,000,000 persons watched.

Several months ago, when the plans to hold the parade were first aired, Major General William I. Rose, CG of the 26th Division, offered to plan and control the parade. The Division's G-3 section, headed by Lt. Col. Daniel J. Murphy, Jr., of Natick, and Major William R. Porter of New Bedford, Asst. G-3, spent a few sleepless nights planning the huge affair.

The results were wonderful. In typical army style, the five paragraph field order explained the situation, and told each and every unit just what to do. The big parade was divided into eight large sections, and then broken down into smaller groups. Each small unit was told where to detruck, where to assemble, and where to gather with it's next larger unit, and finally the assembly area for the division was listed, and the exact time to hit the starting line.

Many later units in the parade didn't report to their assigned assembly areas until after 3 P. M., when the parade was half over, as a part of the closely coordinated plan to eliminate confusion and wasted time.

Division staff officers acted as control, regulating, starting and dismissal area officers, and kept a close touch on the movements of the marchers all day long. Groups were met by officers in their detrucking areas, and were checked everywhere they went. At the end of the line, the dismissal area, officers were on hand to prevent tieups, and continue the large groups of men on the way out of the area to prevent any unnecessary clogs in the line of march.

More than 65 jeeps, driven by uniformed enlisted members of the division, all enlisted men, who received $2.50 each for their work from the Holy Name Society, were used by Holy Name officials and division officers all day long, to keep a sharp lookout everywhere. Major Raymond A. Wilkinson of Marblehead, Asst. G-4 of the division, was the supply and transportation officer of the parade, and along with the men and jeeps, he operated a mobile kitchen in the downtown division headquarters for the officers and men, who arrived to take over their duties as early as 8 A. M. and were still busy at 7 P. M.

Boston Police Commissioner Sullivan, chief marshal of the day, very noticeable as he was driven about in an open jeep, clutching onto his tall silk hat, com-

plimented and warmly thanked the division for their outstanding services during the long day of the greatest parade in Boston's history.

101st INFANTRY ITEMS

Here'n there with the 101st . . . The 28th Annual Memorial Service of the 101st Infantry Veterans Association, A. E. F., for their deceased comrades will be held at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston, Mass., on Sunday, November 9, 1947 at 10:00 o'clock, A. M. . . . His Excellency, Archbishop Richard J. Cushing, D. D. will celebrate a Pontifical Mass, assisted by 13 former Army Chaplains. Members will assemble at the 101st Armory, East Newton Street, Boston, at 9:00 A. M. and proceed to the Church in a body. Following the Mass, the customary reception and banquet will be tendered the Permanent Chaplain of the Association, Monsignor Osias Boucher, Pastor of the Blessed Sacrament Church, Fall River, Mass., at the 101st Armory. All members who served in the YD are cordially invited to join with us on this most solemn occasion. . . . Jim Feeley (Co H) is the General Chairman, Charles F. Barter (Co H) Secretary and Anthony Drago (Co H), Treasurer, assisted by a large committee. . . . Installation of the newly elected regimental officers will be held prior to the banquet. . . . Pete McDonald (Co H) has been appointed Chief of Staff of the Mass. State Dept., D. A. V.

The son of Gen. Vince Breen, D. S. C., Vincent C. Breen, Jr., has been appointed a Military Instructor for the Boston High Schools. . . . Young Breen held a Lieut. Senior Grade in the U. S. Navy during W W II with an outstanding record. . . . Gen. Breen has been a military instructor with the Boston Schools for 21 years. . . . Sorry to hear of the untimely death of Gus Babin (Co B). . . . For a regular fellow you can select Maj. Earl Eaves (W W II). . . . Anthony Stackow (Co C, W W II) informs me that his brother served with the 328th Regt., 26th Division. . . . John H. Smith (Co B, W W II) has moved from New Bedford, Mass., to Chevy Chase, Maryland. . . . John enclosed a check for $5.00 in his letter. . . . Jack Maguire (Co F) is a patient at the West Roxbury V. A. Hospital. . . . Bill Corum (Co D) radio sports announcer, is now the Executive Vice-President at Suffolk Downs. . . . At a recent party at the Hotel Somerset held in honor of Bill, many of his personal friends were present including Gen. Breen (Co C), Gen Bill Blake (Hqs), Maj. Geo. Cronin (Co D) and Mrs. Edward L. Logan. . . . Best wishes from your old outfit, Bill Corum. . . . DUES are DUE. . . . Send them to Joe Donovan, 8 Glenburnie Road, West Robury, Mass.

The newly elected officers of the 101st Infantry Veterans Association for the year 1948 are: Major Michael J. Lannon (Med), President, W. O. William F. Connors (W W II), 1st Vice President, William S. Cole (K Co), 2nd Vice President, Joseph D. Donovan (Supply), Treasurer, Charles F. Barter (H Co), Secretary, Lt. Col. Albert C. McWade (1st Bn), Judge Advocate, P. P. Albert F. Sears (H Co), Historian, and Lt. Nicholas A. Fleming (D Co), Sgt.-at-Arms.

— Jim Powers.

ANNUAL MILITARY MASS 101st INFANTRY

The Annual Military Memorial Mass of the 101st Infantry will be held, Sunday, November 16, 1947, at 11:00 A. M., at the Holy Cross Cathedral, Boston, Mass.

All former members of the regiment and their friends are invited to assemble at the 101st Infantry Armory, East Newton St., Boston, Mass. at 10:00 A. M. From there they will march to the Cathedral.

His Excellency, Archbishop Richard J. Cushing will officiate at the Mass. Rt. Rev. Monsignor Osias Boucher, will be in the sanctuary.

Following the Mass, the regiment will return to the Armory for a luncheon, and reception to our regimental chaplain, The Right Rev. Monsignor Osias Boucher.

Please make every effort to attend.

ENGINEER ENTRIES

"E CO. ECHOES"

It seems like a long time between "Echoes" but maybe the author is the only one who notices it—we hope. In the interim between issues, we trust you have all had a pleasant summer and face the winter season full of wim and wigor.

Guy Chisholm wrote Fred Campbell expressing regret that he couldn't attend the "E-F" party on May 24th but enclosed a check for the kitty. . . . Jack Currier spent some time in the Soldiers' Home, Chelsea, with heart trouble, but is out now and looking well, as we saw him through our window the other day. . . . Ran across Carl Payson on the street. . . . He was looking well. . . . We also saw Jake Stahl and he is one of the few of us who looks as if he could step right into his old uniform and look as trim and snappy as he did in 1917-19. . . . Jack Currier reported that he'd heard Eddie Cleveland had left the Vets. Administration. . . . Sorry we had to miss that

last reunion which we understand was a very enjoyable occasion. . . . The telegram the lads sent me was very much appreciated. . . . Plans were discussed at the meeting for next year's event which, being the 30th, by someone's reckoning, warrants special attention. . . . "E" Company's committee to work with a similar one from "F" is composed of Ralph Haley, Walter Jenks, Harold Brownson, Jim Chisholm, Ray Miranda, Fred Campbell and Ralph Eastman. . . . Here are those who chipped in for the "Echoes" at the party: Charlie Hurter, Babe Murdy, Jake Stahl, Russ Francis, Walter Jenks, Ernie Steward, Carl Payson, Frank Vigon, Charlie Malouf, Bill Mattson, Ralph Haley, Carl Nielson, Bill Kearns, Bill Cleaves, Charlie Watson. . . . With that gang as a nucleus, how could any party be anything but a success?

Okie O'Connor's address was sent in by Fred as 83 Mountfort St., Boston. . . . Referring to next year's party, at the May 24th jamboree, Lee Redfield passed the "cup" and collected $54.00 as "advance gifts" to underwrite expenses for the super-duper 1948 Triple-sec Thirtieth Reunion and Festival. . . . Here's a note as to others present on May 24th and it adds to the regret that we couldn't have been there to enjoy their company: "Onie O'Neil, Herby Thurston, Pop Morrissey, Hikel Haykal, Fred Martin, Charlie Bateman, Arb Thomann, Jim Metcalf, Charlie Allen, Frank MacKenna, Harold Kinsman, George Gillman, Harold Brownson, John Rooney, Willard Hatch, Bill Hutcheson, Fred Campbell, Charlie Dodge, "Dunny" Donovan and Okie O'Connor, and we hope we haven't skipped any in copying Fred's notes. . . . One or two strangers among that thar gang, I notice. . . . Okie had a friend with him but he spoke for himself, we understand. . . . For the "Echoes," Fred testified that our group of "E" men were a healthy looking bunch and behaved themselves in exemplary manner and Pop Morrissey made the demand that "on ne passe pas" Onset without looking in on him. . . . Ray Miranda won the fur-lined you know as 1947 champ. . . . Arthur Paquet couldn't attend because of illness, we're sorry to say. . . . Hope you're all O.K. again now, Arthur. . . . His address is now 20 Columbine Ave., Pawtucket, R. I. . . . Other changes of address are: Hick Welch, 23 South St., Medfield, Mass., George Hamel, 23 Prospect St., Manville, R. I., (Ed. Note: We have P. O. Box 112, that town. If that's not right, let us know.)

Had a swell talk with Red Denner at a New England Council meeting at Manchester, Vermont, in June which was very enjoyable. . . . He's with the James Flett Organization, Inc., 75 Federal St., Boston 10, Mass., and doing all right. . . . After a mountain-climbing experience, we both decided that we're too old to get into the mountaineering racket—especially by car on a sometimes slippery trail with hairpin curves every few rods. . . . One of the pleasant bolts out of the blue since last issue was a letter from Samuel M. "Mack" Pfrimmer out in Denver, sending the biggest check the old treasury has ever seen, covering subscription from 1920 to 1950. . . . Right after hearing from him we were interested in reading in the Denver "Rocky Mountain Chapter YDVA" news in "Yankee Doings" that he and his wife had been hosts to that chapter for their May meeting and evidently left nothing to be desired in the way of hospitality. . . . Since then, we've seen him mentioned again in the same magazine, generally because he's doing something nice for someone else. . . . We were sorry to read that he was disabled and hope it's nothing serious. . . . Any news you can send us for re-issue in "Echoes" will be appreciated, Mack. . . . His address is 2463 Fifteenth St., Denver Colorado.

Fred Martin was in to see Ye Ed. while the latter was on vacation. . . . Sorry to miss you, Fred. . . . Try again whenever you're in town. . . . . Orville Caseley's mother died late in July, we're sorry to report. . . . Many of you will remember her when she was so active in putting over those April parties in the Armory. . . . You have our sincere sympathy, Orville. . . . Chet Thomas writes in from Syracuse, N. Y., where he's with the Aircooled Motors, Inc., a subsidiary of Republic Aviation Corp., with whom Chet worked during the War. . . . He still maintains his home here in God's country and travels back and forth frequently on week-ends. . . . We understand Syracuse is the fastest growing town in the country and Chet is one who can help it grow.

Here's a clipping showing the picture of an attractive young lady—Carl Payson's daughter, Helen, no less, who received a Bachelor of Science degree from Simmons College in June. . . . You should be pretty proud of her, Carl, and have our congratulations on having such a nice, talented daughter. . . . Carl, by the way, had a letter from Joe Brodil in reply to one he (Carl) wrote telling about the last reunion. Joe sent his best to all the gang. . . . Saw Lewie Berlyn and his wife in June. . . . He had lost 70 pounds but looked well and was being careful of his health after the long ordeal he went through which we reported about in last issue. . . . On June 28th, (Ye Ed.'s wedding date, too) Johnny Priestley's daughter Martha was married to an ex-Navy man. . . . Has anybody seen Johnny the last few years? . . . Wish he could find it in his heart to come back to some of our meetings. . . . It can't be he's growing old. . . . Ollie Garrett arranged "Duel in the Sun" for the movies, my family told me. . . . I didn't see the picture so can't give a critique as to what kind of a job he did.

That takes care of this issue. . . . We can do everything about geeting out this aged little sheet but make up news, so if you want news, send in some and we'll keep on "echoing" and finishing up with the old slogan LET'S STICK TOGETHER.

A clipping has been received from George Branscomb, formerly of Co "E", 101st Engineers, W W I, who is confined at the Veterans Hospital at Tucson, Arizona. It was the opening of a new Branch of the First National Bank of Arizona at Phoenix and the new manager will be Alden B. Parsons, another YD Engineer of World War I. Alden has been with the bank for many years, having gone down there from New England shortly after returning from France, with the Division.

FLICKERS FROM THE 104TH

This is a little early for advertising the next convention of the 104th Infantry. But, it's never too early to start promoting a good time.

Colonel William H. McGarry of Holyoke was elected General Chairman of the 29th Annual Reunion committee. The reunion will be held at Holyoke, April 23rd and 24th, 1948. This was decided at the first council meeting of the regimental association held at the Hotel Charles, Springfield.

The meeting was largely attended by delegates from Boston, Somerville, Worcester, Springfield, Pittsfield, Danvers, West Brookfield, Hartford, Conn., Newington, Conn., and Manchester, N. H.

Adjutant Lawrence A. Wagner, was reelected Adjutant. Colonel Dwight T. Colly of Providence, R. I., was elected Honorary Commander, as the office was declared vacant at the 28th Annual Convention last April due to the death of our late Honorary Commander, General William C. Hayes, who died during the period of the convention.

The council also accepted the resignation of Luther D. Hackett of Springfield, Mass., as Chaplain of the association due to business reasons. Malcolm Morrison, of North Weymouth, was elected to fill the unexpired term.

The council ratified its by-laws by bringing it up to date on the various articles and amendments that had been previously voted upon among which was the amendment that includes the veterans of W W II into our ranks as full-fledged members.

Colonel Ralph A. Palladino, of Charlestown, Massachusetts, the war-time commander of the 104th Infantry in W W II, gave a brief resume of the efforts to bring in a revised issue of the History of the 104th Infantry of W W II.

P. C. Harold G. Woodruff, of Holyoke, was appointed by the Executive Committee to be chairman of the Annual Armistice Exercises to be held at Apremont Park, Camp Bartlett, Westfield, Massachusetts, Sunday, November 9th.

Major Frank J. Reardon, Chairman of the 28th Annual Reunion Committee made a financial report of the late convention which was accepted as read.

The Advisory Council members of Holyoke, who will assist General Chairman McGarry in carrying out the plans for the 29th Annual Reunion will be V. C. Joseph Milner, P. C.'s Stuart A. Russell, Harold G. Woodruff, Fred A. Glens and Harold Burnett. Lawrence Field, Major James A. F. Drain, Francis Heywood and George R. Osborne.

All members who have not received their copies of the regimental history had better do so at once as we are planning to turn over the balance of them to the libraries of the Commonwealth.

K COMPANY

On Saturday, September 27th, at Sunnyside Park in North Adams, K Company had its first reunion and clambake. There was a large crowd on hand considering that many of the fellows could not be reached, because we have no mailing list. So we suggest here and now that all ex-members of K Company send their addresses to Bub Lille, at the North Adams Armory. In that way we can notify all of you when and where the next big time comes off.

Bud is now first sergeant of K Company, 104th Infantry, M. N. G., and Abba Dabba Abbott is the Captain of the Company, ex-sergeant Shields is his first lieutenant.

However, let's get back to the clambake. We had all the food we wanted, including frankforts and beans, hamburgers, clam chowder, barrels of beer and the final big item of chicken, boiled sweet and white potatoes, sweet corn and big platters of steamed clams. We can thank 'Bob' Sheehan for the excellent manner in which the chow was cooked.

That evening we were all invited to attend a dance at the Armory where several of the boys put the music and the girls to good use.

Some of those who attended were: John Kane, Frankie Suspiro, Herb Mongeon, Stan Hauck, Don Roffo, Freddie Maggiani, Dave Smith, Earl Hopkins, Teddy Burke, Jim O'Callaghan, Ed Galvin, Charlie Barnes, Jim Renzi, Bill Goodrich, Muzz Mozzi, Jimmie Makes, Doc Poissant came over from Charlemont and Chief Prindle dropped in from his vacation from a construction school in Penn. The boys from North

Adams were naturally there in large numbers, including some fellows of the old M. N. G. Co., and the new company. I did not know many of the new fellows but some of our old gang, Abbott, Lillie, Shields, Rivard, Attella, Boulion, Blivett, Gorman, McMahon, St. Pierre, Garzina, Therrien, Hunt, Gageant, Lt. Hourahan who is now supply sergeant of the new company.

Sorry if I have missed any of you. It is not intentional. The one thing that is important to all of us is, get your names and addresses in to me as soon as possible and also make sure that any of the gang you meet, who have not read this, send in their addresses, also.

Ist Sergeant Lillie,
K Co., 104th Inf.
Armory, North Adams, Mass.

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DANVERS

Commander: Esmond Farmer
15 Damon St., Danvers, Mass.
Secretary: Charles W. Davis
21 Holton St., Danvers, Mass.

Well, I skipped last month, got hell from the gang at last night's meeting. Promised to do better, so here I am again.

We had our first meeting after summer let-up in September at Mrs. Pike's Inn. Had 34 out. A good time was had by all. We had Russ Harmon of C Co. 104th WWI with us as our guest. Russ had bought a place at Beverly Farms and is going to be a farmer. Most all 104th men know Russ, also remember the wonderful doughnuts his wife, the former Miss Irene McIntire, used to make for us up around the Rambocourt sector. Russ enjoyed the meeting and promised to come again. All agreed that Russ is a swell gent.

We held our October meeting last night with 30 present. Had the usual Flame Thrower hour. Frank Marchant can make them good. We had a chicken supper and we welcomed our good Honorary Comrade Frank Cook back. He put on a swell show. Our next meeting will be held Nov. 19th at Mrs. Pike's. We welcome to our ranks, Earl Ducloss, Battery F, 101st Field Artillery, who joined last night. I have a few World War II boys ready to come in any day now. Have 40 paid up now, wish I could reach the 50 mark. Senior Vice Commander Earl Pauley, Co. H, 104th and yours truly with wives will attend the Larry Cook Testimonial dinner next Saturday, expenses paid by the boys. Thanks fellows for the trip, come again.

Well, in closing would like to tell the State Department that in the future when they run raffles, give us a chance to call at least two meetings before they pull it off. We might sell more tickets. How about it?

—C. W. Davis.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Commander: Geo. H. Young
4724 Huron Ave. S. E., Wash., D. C.
Secretary: Arthur Robitaille
2224 Chester St., S. E., Washington, D. C.

Have not seen Commander Young yet for an account of the Testimonial Dinner to Larry Cook at Providence, which he attended. Wish we had some of the Rhode Island YD spirit here. We are about to go into bankruptcy, unless some of the old timers relent and help on a fund raising orgy. There seems to be no community spirit in Washington.

In the near future the returning bodies will be home for burial. Do you know if there will be ample notification for Divisional identification and destination? The World War II men are so reluctant to join up, it seems that at this time, someone with a facile pen or typewriter could put out a real appeal to get them into the fold in time to support their organization in its efforts to pay final honors to its own. How about a letter or appeal-writing contest for all members, the final choice to be available to all secretaries to use in a member getting campaign in time to take care of these burials?

I came home early tonight, all tired out from my extra night work that I have been doing for nine years. And what did I do? YEP: I've been YD'ing since seven o'clock. It is now 12.30 A. M. Guess I will go to bed.

—Arthur Robitaille.

WISCONSIN

Commander: Rodger W. Kohl
1714 E. Kane Pl., Milwaukee, Wisc.
Secretary: Matthew E. Connor
4515 Morris Blvd., Milwaukee, Wisc.

Our October meeting at the Milwaukee "Home" of the 32nd Division, Red Arrow Club, in downtown

Milwaukee. Several new members turned out. They were Fred Egide of the 101st FA Bn., from Oconomonoc, Wisc., thirty miles away, and Cliff Strauman, a Cannon Co. man from the 328th Infantry regiment who blew in from Wisconsin's great North Superior, some 300 miles away.

Barn interiors were expertly described by Norb Januszeujski as Ed Rosenberger reiterated some of the more interesting details of the Great Tennessee campaign.

Plans were laid for a semi-formal dinner for sometime in November. It looks as though we are going to have a gala event.

We are in hopes of having our Charter by the next meeting.

—Matt E. Connor.

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JOSEPH A. CLEMENT, formerly a P.F.C. of Co. M, 103rd Infantry, W W I. He was a member of the Triangle Chapter of Lebanon, N. H. Further details are unknown.

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AUGUSTUS BABIN, (The General) formerly of B Company, 101st Infantry, W W I. B Company held services at the Joseph Keough Funeral Home in Cambridge and Mass was said at St. Patrick's Church in Cambridge.

Augustus passed away on Monday, September 29, 1947.

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Report has been received from the New Bedford Chapter of the death of the following former members:

GEORGE A. BROWN, formerly of Battery D, 102nd Field Artillery, W W I. Also BENJAMIN S. LEVINE of Co B, 101st Infantry. No further details are available.

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WILLIAM A. BROWN, formerly of Headquarters Battery, 102 F.A. WWI died after a short illness on June 12, 1947. His home was in Methuen, Mass., and he is survived by his widow.

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The following former members of Co E, 101st Engineers, W W I are reported to have passed away: MORRIS HOGAN, Shelbyville, Ind., on April 13, 1947; LEWIS BERLYN, Salem, Mass., on October 6, 1947.

JOSEPH D. WHITE, formerly Hdq's., 104th Infantry, W W I, died at Hartford, Conn., September 29, 1947. This message was received from Lt. Barry of the Arlington Police. There were no further particulars.

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HAROLD A. BAGLEY, formerly of Co M, 103rd Infantry, died at his home in Newport, N. H. on October 2, 1947. Burial was by the local Legion Post on October 5, 1947.

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HORACE E. MITCHELL, a former member of Headquarters, 101st Supply Train and a member of the Providence Chapter, died recently in Florida.

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WILLIAM H. PITTS, formerly of Co. K, 101 Inf. WWI died at the Cushing General Hospital, Framingham, Mass., after a long illness. Services and burial was from his former home in Hull, Mass.

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